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APPLICATION OF

WOLFGANG PODSZUN ET AL

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/913,812

FILED: SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

TITLE: METHOD FOR ISOLATING
NUCLEIC ACIDS

) GROUP NO.: 1637

) EXAMINER: SHAR S. HASHEMI

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir,

Applicants, by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing their response so that the Notice of Appeal filed simultaneously with this Petition will be considered timely filed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted on the date below.

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Name of applicant, attorney or Registered Representative


Signature

March 26, 2004
Date

Please charge the fee for response within the third month, \$950.00, to Deposit Account Number 50-2527. This paper is also authorization to charge any insufficiency of fees due with this filing to Deposit Account Number 50-2527. Triplicate copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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